

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 791

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A RESOLUTION relative to National Athletic Training Month.

WHEREAS, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and individuals engaged in physical activity, as they possess specialized knowledge and skills acquired through their nationally regulated educational processes; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are adept at the prevention, recognition, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation from injuries; they are skilled in health care administration and are a valuable source of education and guidance on safe, injury-free means of healthy and enjoyable physical activity; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are on the front line of emerging research relative to health concerns such as concussions, heat illness, and performance-enhancing drugs; and

WHEREAS, the National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports 35,000 members of the athletic training profession who are employed in professional sports, colleges and universities, high schools, clinics and hospitals, corporate and industrial settings, performing arts, and military branches; and

WHEREAS, on the state level, the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society works to improve the health care available to physically active Tennesseans through the advancement of the athletic training profession; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes the skilled efforts of these professionals as they endeavor to care for and manage health concerns of athletes and physically active individuals; and

WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have joined together in a common desire to raise public awareness of the importance of the athletic

training profession and to emphasize the importance of quality health care within the aforementioned settings; and

WHEREAS, National Athletic Training Month is an annual national event that recognizes the important role that athletic trainers play in the health care of athletes from the secondary school level to professional sports, and all levels of sports in between; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commemorate March 2014 as National Athletic Training Month and thank athletic trainers for the important services they provide to Tennessee's citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.